

## C1.6 – Home Education and Shared Responsibility Grant

The Home Education Grant supports educational choice for **students** and parents. For each home education **student**, the school jurisdiction is provided 50 per cent of the funding to support the home education **student**, and 50 per cent of the funding is provided to the parent and/or guardian as reimbursement for instructional materials and services that support the instructional program at home. Furthermore, parents who submit receipts for at least 75% of eligible expenses will receive the entire \$850.00.

50% only →

### Allocation Formula

#### Home Education Grant

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Number of Home Education Students Grade 1-12 (as of September 30<sup>th</sup> Enrolment)} \\ \times \\ \text{Home Education Rate} \end{array}$$

#### Shared Responsibility Grant

$$\begin{array}{c} (\% \text{ of Home Education program } \times \text{ Home Education Rate}) \\ + \\ (\% \text{ of a school program } \times \text{ applicable shared responsibility base instruction rate}) \end{array}$$

### Allocation Criteria

1. Funding will be calculated using September 30th enrolment of Home Education / Shared Responsibility students.
2. Education programs for these **students** must be consistent with the student learning outcomes for elementary, junior high and senior high school levels described in the Alberta Programs of Study or stated in the schedule attached to the *Home Education Regulation* and be supervised by an **associate board** or **associate accredited funded private school**.
3. The **associate board** or **associate accredited funded private school** must provide the resident board information through PASI and Student Records. Resident boards are able to access their student list through the Funding Event System (FES).
4. Home education / Shared Responsibility **students** and their parents must reside in Alberta on the September count date of the current school year.
5. Home education / Shared Responsibility **students** in charter or accredited funded private schools are not eligible for severe disabilities funding.
6. An **associate board** or **associate accredited funded private school** must offer to the parents of a home education **student** no less than 50 per cent of the home education funding for the purchase of instructional materials. Parents have up to two years to access the parental portion of home education funding.
7. Parents will be allowed to transfer some or all of the parental portion of the home education funding to the associate school authority for education supports should they choose to. If parents decide to transfer their funding, they will be required to sign a Parent Declaration Form to facilitate this transfer.
8. If parents decline or do not claim the parent portion of Home Education funding, Alberta Education will recover the unclaimed/declined portion, the year following the previous two year period.

NOT Less Than 50%; → 50% or More

9. School authorities will be required to provide information related to unclaimed/declined portion of the Home Education grant in their Audited Financial Statements (AFS).
10. Students that are coded as shared responsibility students and meet the program requirement outlined in The Guide to Education will be funded at the shared responsibility rate. Shared responsibility programs receive additional funding to address instructional costs.
11. In order to qualify for shared responsibility funding, at least 20 percent of the program must be delivered by the school authority, up to a maximum of 80 percent, and be teacher-directed. Below this range, the student should be enrolled as a regular home education student. Above this range, the student should be enrolled as a regular/online student, with the school authority responsible for 100 percent of the program and the parents not eligible for any home education funding.
12. School authorities that provide shared responsibility program may use some or all of the parents' 50 per cent funding, only with parent's signed agreement, to pay for the cost of these courses and required instructional materials.
13. Reimbursements to parents of students in a Home Education or Shared Responsibility program, may not exceed \$850.00 in value per year and are subject to the same reimbursement interpretations as the Standards for Home Education Reimbursement (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/standards-for-home-education-reimbursement>), whether they are reimbursements, ordered by purchase order or directly procured by school or district. (8)
14. School authorities are not permitted to provide funding, whether by reimbursement, purchase order or direct procurement, to students or families in cases where a student is enrolled in an online or regular school program.

AN EXACT AMOUNT: only 50% →

online Learning!  
 Why did Alberta Ed include this rule in the Home Ed section?

### C1.7 – Outreach Program Grant

The Outreach Program Grant provides funding to assist school boards to support the success of **students** with educational supports and services in addition to the programs of study. Various approaches are used to meet the individual needs of **students** and help **students** complete their high school diploma.

#### Allocation Formula

School Jurisdictions with an Outreach Program
x
\$150,000

#### Allocation Criteria

1. Jurisdictions must have an outreach school code to receive outreach program funding.
2. The outreach school is required to comply with legislated requirements for the operation of a school.
3. Outreach programs do not need to be located in an approved off-site facility.
4. **Students** with their primary registration at an outreach program as of September 30 are counted in the WMA enrolment calculation for the school jurisdiction.